

College Players to Stage 'Much Ado About Nothing'

There will be much ado about something at El Camino College Campus Theater when Dr. Howard M. Banks' theater arts students present Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" for four performances April 11, 12, 18, and 19.

Cast members include Lynn Krause as "Beatrice," Dan Fairchild as "Benedick," and Ward Winans as "Friar Francis."

In love with Dan Moreno in the part of "Claudio" is Olivia Mendoza acting as "Hero." Hal Offenberg will be "Don Pedro" and Alfred Ambroziak plays "Don John" his brother.

Shakespeare's comedy lines will be portrayed by Tom McNary as "Verges" and Tim Dice, follows in the footsteps as shadow to Dogberry.

Tickets for the production go on sale March 14 in the campus bookstore. All seats are reserved.

Hahn Report

Advance Planning Helped Make Transplant Reality

By KENNETH HAHN
County Supervisor

One of the greatest advancements of medical science in recent years has reached southern California — the heart transplant.

But when a 58-year-old man received a new heart at Harbor General Hospital, it was only the beginning. I can envision the day when transplants of hearts and other vital organs will be routine occurrence.

The heart transplant, as great an event as it is, unfortunately does not solve our nation's problem of heart disease.

Other steps have to be taken.

In 1967, right after the first heart transplant took place in South Africa, I made a special motion before the Board of Supervisors to authorize the hiring of a Heart-Lung Pump Technician for Harbor General Hospital.

The hiring of the technician was a major step toward equipping Harbor General for a heart transplant operation.

At that time, Dr. Richard Cleveland, chief of Cardiac Surgery at Harbor General and the

man who performed the recent heart transplant, paid high tribute to all Heart-Lung Technicians.

JUST AS the heart transplant is a reality today because of basic planning a year and a half ago, we are making plans for another major tool against heart disease.

It is the heart ambulance. Such an ambulance, which is being developed, will help save lives of about 175 of the 350 persons who now die each year in the Centinela Valley-Harbor area of heart disease.

THE FIRST ambulance, to be equipped with a \$22,000 grant from an anonymous donor, is expected to work in conjunction with coronary intensive care equipment at Daniel Freeman or Harbor General hospitals.

Either of these two outstanding hospitals will be appropriate because, as Harbor was the first with a heart transplant, Daniel-Freeman was the first in Los Angeles County to have an acute coronary intensive care unit.

This heart ambulance is designed so that as soon as the ve-

hicle arrives at the scene of a heart attack, immediate treatment may be given the patient by trained medical personnel.

IT WILL have special equipment and specially trained personnel aboard.

We are working closely with Dr. Walter Graf, president of the Los Angeles County Heart Association, developing the ambulance.

Medical authorities say that of the people who die of heart attacks, 65 per cent die within the first hour and 85 per cent within the first day.

We expect the heart ambulance system — which may be expanded to include special ambulances throughout the county — to prevent the deaths of about one-half of the persons who die of heart attacks in ambulances.

Even if the ambulance is only able to save a few it will be making a tremendous contribution to the health of the community.

Forms for Tax Refund Now Ready

County Assessor Philip E. Watson today announced that mailing of nearly a million and one-half applications for \$70 cash refunds, due under the new property tax relief law, has begun to eligible homeowners and will continue through next week.

He repeated an earlier plea that homeowners do not come to the assessor's office to obtain applications unless they don't receive one by March 15. Then, they should contact the nearest assessor's regional office or the main office in the Los Angeles County Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St.

"The \$70 refund will be made to homeowners if the dwelling was owned and occupied by them on March 1, 1968," Watson explained, adding:

"HOWEVER, an owner who files for and receives a veteran's exemption does not get the refund. Nor does he get it if he receives an allowance for taxes from the state or county. This provision does not apply to homeowners who receive a tax rebate under the Senior Citizens' Property Tax Assistance Law."

The same homeowners eligible for the \$70 refund will be

given a \$750 exemption in assessed valuation if the dwelling is owned and occupied by them on March 1 of this year, Watson noted. The exemption applications are attached to the refund forms.

BOTH applications are pre-printed with all pertinent property description data so the homeowner will only be required to fill in his social security number and affix his signature. The assessor will process the applications and certify them to the State Controller, who will make the refunds.

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Bus Driver Hits Million Mile Run

Sherman Miller has been with the Torrance Transit System for almost 27 years and has logged more than a million miles. In order to pass the million mark, the average driver would either have to maintain a constant speed of 60 miles per hour for two years straight, or travel 200 miles a day for 14 years!

It took Miller 22 years and he did it without a single mishap. He is to receive an award for these 26 years of flawless service.

The 58-year-old veteran was born in Missouri and traveled to Kansas, Oklahoma, Ohio, and finally Los Angeles in 1939. He began working for the Torrance Transit System in 1942 but went into the service shortly afterwards earning the rank of 1st

Lieutenant by the time of his discharge in 1946.

Miller is quite content in his role of senior bus driver. The fringe benefits and overtime keeps himself, his wife, and their two children in comfort. His month vacation is usually spent in Oregon fishing and visiting relatives.

"When I walk off the bus," he says, "I don't take my troubles with me." This is the biggest thing he likes about his job. Even working a split shift, 7-11 and 3-7, doesn't bother him. "Gives me time to go home, have lunch, and work in the garden."

And what about the future? "Well, I've got four years to go, then maybe an administrative position, or I'll just retire."

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Financial Gains Are Reported

For the year ended Dec. 31, 1968, Hawthorne Financial Corp. reported net earnings after taxes but before appropriations to general reserves were \$1,136,817 on gross income of \$6,048,686 compared to \$924,963 and \$5,633,991 for the same period in 1967, announced Vernon D. Herbst, executive vice president.

Based on the 787,206 shares outstanding, excluding 5,400 shares of treasury stock, earnings per share were \$1.44 compared to \$1.18 for the like period a year ago.

Total assets of the corporation have reached \$89,803,171 at Dec. 31, 1968, against \$86,097,302 a year earlier.

New Parts Manager Appointed

Bob Green, an automobile buff since he was 13 years old, has been named parts manager for Holiday Chevrolet.

Green, who is the father of a three-year-old son, lives with his family in Inglewood. He is a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., and has lived in this area since 1952. He attended Hawthorne High School.

"I completely built a car when I was 15," Green said, "a 301 Chevy that really moved out. Since then, I have owned a succession of autos, the oldest and most fun being a 1931 Packard."

Green currently is enrolled at El Camino College, where he is taking night classes.

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